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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: PPA CONDOLENCES IN THE KABUL PRESS

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1. HERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL PRESS ACCOUNT OF THE ASSASSINATION CARRIED IN THE FEBRUARY 14 ISSUE OF THE KABUL TIMES, AND ALSO THE KABUL TIMES EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 15.

2. TERRORISTS ASSASSINATE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN KABUL. KABUL, FEB 14, (BAKHTAR). - WITH REGRETS WE HAVE RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT TODAY AROUND 12:30 P.M. HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBZ (SIC), AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN KABUL WAS KILLED AS A RESULT OF BULLETS FIRED BY A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS AND THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

3. AROUND 9:00 THIS MORNING WHEN HIS EXCELLENCY WAS GOING FROM HIS RESIDENCE TO HIS OFFICE HIS CAR WAS STOPPED NEAR THE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND FOUR TERRORISTS DISGUISED IN TRAFFIC POLICE UNIFORMS, FORCIBLY ENTERED HIS CAR AND COMPELLED THE DRIVER TO DRIVE TOWARDS KABUL HOTEL.

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4. AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL THE ARMED TERRORISTS TOOK THE US AMBASSADOR WITH THEM INSIDE THE HOTEL AND HELD HIM IN A ROOM.

5. THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES MADE EARNEST EFFORTS TO FREE HIS EXCELLENCY FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE TERRORISTS UNHARMED, BUT THE TERRORISTS IN NO WAY AGREED TO THE RELEASE OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

6. THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED THAT A MAN NAMED BAHRUDDIN BAHTS, WHO IS NOT IN AFGHANISTAN AND HIS RESIDENCE IS NOT KNOWN, BE PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

7. THE TERRORISTS INSISTED ON THEIR DEMAND, AND AS THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DEMAND WAS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO THE REASON MENTIONED ABOVE, AT 12:30 P.M. THEY THREATENED THAT IF THEIR DEMAND WILL NOT BE FULFILLED IN ANOTHER 10 MINUTES THEY WOULD KILL THE AMBASSADOR.

8. BY HEARING THIS FINAL THREAT AND THEIR TERMINATION OF THE PROMISED 10 MINUTES, THE SECURITY OFFICIALS IN CHARGE TOOK NECESSARY ACTIONS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE AMBASSADOR.

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CONSEQUENTLY, THE TERRORISTS WOUNDED THE AMBASSADOR BY FIRING BULLETS AND IN THE COURSE OF THESE ACTIONS BY THE SECURITY FORCES THE FOUR TERRORISTS WERE KILLED.

9. THE US AMBASSADOR WHILE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL OF THE US EMBASSY IN KABUL AND REGRETFULLY AFTER A FEW MOMENTS HE DIED.

10. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN STRONGLY MOVED BY THIS TRAGIC EVENT AND TELEGRAMS OF CONDOLENCE HAVE BEEN SENT BY NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAHI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSED TO H.E. PRESIDENT

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JIMMY CARTER OF THE UNITED STATES AND SIMILARLY BY HAFIZULLAH AMIN, VICE-PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADDRESSED TO H.E. GUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN WHICH THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND CONDOLENCE, SYMPATHY AND GRIEVES.

11. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN CONSIDERS THIS TRAGIC EVENT AS THE ACT OF THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE ENEMIES OF THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE FRIENDLY COUNTRY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. (END OF ARTICLE)

12. WE CONDEMN ACTS OF TERROR (FEBRUARY 15TH EDITORIAL) THE CRIMINAL ACT OF THE ENEMIES OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN REGARD TO ASSASSINATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBZ (SIC), US AMBASSADOR TO KABUL HAS BEEN STRONGLY AND EARNESTLY CONDEMNED BY THE KHALQI REGIME OF THE DRA AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

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13. IT HAS BEEN A TERRORISTIC ACT AND TERRORISM IS ALWAYS REJECTED AS AN EVIL ACT BY THE PEACELOVING DRA, AND ITS PEOPLE. THE ENEMIES OF THE DRA UPON SEEING THE EYECATCHING DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY BECOME JEALOUS THAT WHY THIS REGIME SHOULD ACQUIRE SUCH PROGRESSES AND DEVELOPMENT AND DUE TO THIS FACT THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS FOR US. OUR RESPECTED READERS AND THE OBJECTIVE-MINDED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE AWARE THAT THE DRA, AS A KHALQI STATE, CONSTANTLY TAKES STEPS FOR THE WELFARE AND THE PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE AND MEETING PEOPLE'S WANTS. AS THESE WANTS AND DESIRES ARE MET AND AS THE GENERAL POPULACE OF THIS COUNTRY IS FULLY CONVINCED THAT THEIR KHALQI REGIME IS DEVOTING UNTIRING EFFORTS TOWARD THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE, THE DOWN-TRODDENS OF THIS NATION, THIS WOULD BRING ABOUT THE JEALOUSY OF THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. AND THIS IS WHY THEY ARE STRETCHING HAND DESPERATELY TO CREATE ALL SORTS OF DIFFICULTIES FOR OUR PEOPLE'S REGIME.

14. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN AS A PEACELOVING AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY HAS BEEN AGAINST THE TERRORISM AND VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY. IT HAS BEEN ON

THE BASIS OF THIS AMICABLE POLICY THAT OUR GREAT LEADER NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PDPA CC, PRESIDENT OF THE RC AND PRIME MINISTER UPON HEARING THE LAMENTABLE INCIDENT OF ASSASSINATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBZ (SIC),

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ISSUED A CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM TO HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND EXPRESSED HIS

PROFOUND REGRETS OVER THIS INCIDENT. THE TERRORISTS AND THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF DRA BY COMMITTING SUCH AN INHUMANE AND CRIMINAL ACTS MAY THINK THEY WOULD DISTURB OR DAMAGE THE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS, THE DRA AND THE USA. THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DRA AND THE USA ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ACTS OF THEIR ENEMIES. THEY KNOW THAT SUCH PROVOCATIVE ACTS WILL NOT UNDERMINE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS.

15. THUS THIS ACT OF THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD IS REGARDED NOTHING BUT A STUPIDITY AND NARROW-MINDEDNESS AND A CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST THE GOOD RELATIONS OF THE TWO FRIENDLY

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NATIONS. THIS ACT HAS NOT ONLY BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY BUT IS ALSO REGARDED AS A TREACHEROUS ACT BY ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

16. THIS SAVAGE AND INHUMANE ACT IS TOTALLY REJECTED AND CONDEMNED BY OUR KHALQI GOVERNMENT AND OUR NOBLE PEOPLE. AND WE ARE SENDING CURSE UPON THOSE WHO WHO HAVE COMMITTED SUCH A CRUEL ACT AND FURTHER MORE WE ARE SENDING CURSE UPON THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING AND INITIATING SUCH ACTIONS.

17. ANY ELEMENTS WHO COMMIT SUCH ACTS AND CREATE PROBLEMS FOR

THE PEOPLE'S REGIME OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ARE THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE AND KHALQI GOVERNMENT OF DRA AND ARE STRONGLY CONDEMNED AND REJECTED BY OUR DOWN-TRODDENS. (END EDITORIAL) AMSTUTZ
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